

GOP Ends the Truce On JFK's Cuba Policy

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Washington, Oct. 30—The moratorium on politics is over.

Republicans, who refrained from criticism of the President during the heat of the Cuban crisis, have resumed their role as the opposition party and begun questioning the President's policies during recent weeks.

Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) threw cold water on the week-end agreement with the Russians by condemning the U. S. pledge not to invade Cuba. He urged the President to get rid of advisors who have "consistently urged a soft policy toward communism."

Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.), whom President Kennedy charged with war-mongering several weeks ago, warned that the U. S. must not "give communism a deed to Cuba forever."

Sen. Miller (R-Iowa) has called for an investigation of U. S. intelligence activities, on the grounds that they failed to tell the President what all Republicans knew, that Castro's Cuba had become a Soviet base in the Western Hemisphere.

With the election a week away, there is no clear consensus here on what the Cuban crisis did to Republican and

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Democratic chances to wins seats in the House and Senate.

Lost in the maelstrom of recent days have been the debates over medicare, an Urban Affairs Dept., aid to education and other domestic issues. The Cuban crisis is certain to obscure the meaning of any major change

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that may result from the vote. The President for his part has reaffirmed his determination to stay out of the remainder of the campaign, as well as his decision to keep his close advisors and Cabinet members off the stump.

It is widely agreed that the President has grown mightily in stature since the crisis began a week ago. If he personally were running for reelection, most observers believe, his action would probably have won away

millions of votes from an opponent.

But there is no certainty that he can transmit this electoral credit to Democratic candidates. Democrats are hoping to capitalize on the argument that a vote for them is a vote of confidence in President Kennedy.